

Minutes

Judicial Education Committee Meeting October 24, 2003-- 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. National City Center, Room 1071

1. **Committee Members present:** Earl Penrod, Ted Boehm, Doug Morton, Ted Todd, Greg Donat, Chris Burnham, Barbara Harcourt, Barb Collins, Bob Freese.
2. **Staff present:** Cathy Springer, Vicki Davis, Anne Jordan, and Jane Seigel.
3. **Introductions:** Barb Harcourt was welcomed as the newest (and returning) member of the committee.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes from the July meeting were adopted as submitted.
5. **Subcommittee Reports:**
 - a. Technology. Chris Burnham reported that one of the goals of the JTAC presentation in September was to get judges interested in the JTAC sessions held during the conference, and this was accomplished. The judicial education library on the website is getting new materials added all the time. Two sessions from the September conference that were videotaped will be digitized and available through the library (family law and search & seizure).
 - b. Judicial College: Earl Penrod reported that the subcommittee members discussed potential topics for Masters sessions at the Spring Judicial College, such as law and economics; what is being taught in Law Schools; generational causes of bias; and the science of ethics. All agreed that the courses are intended to reach the more experienced judge.
 - c. New Judicial Officer: Vicki Davis reported that a conference call between the subcommittee members is to be scheduled soon.
6. **Review of September Judicial Conference.** General discussion ensued regarding the September conference; evaluation tallies were distributed for all sessions. Staff reported that the Wednesday's Early Bird sessions were successful. Only one complaint was received about canceling the committee meetings on Wednesday morning. Discussion was had on the Wednesday evening event, and it was agreed that in 2004 there should only be a reception on Wednesday evening rather than a dinner and dance, since it's such a long day of travel, sessions, etc.

7. **Brief Review of Upcoming Programs in 2003:**
 - a. Domestic Relations Workshop, Nov. 13-14, is being held at the Marriott North. There are presently 73 people registered. The faculty is Don Gordon from the Center for Divorce Education, who will discuss the effect of divorce on children.
 - b. Winter Conference, December 12, is being held at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. Ed Latessa will discuss what works in reducing recidivism for offenders. There will also be a panel presentation to discuss effective programs in Indiana.
8. **Program Schedule for 2004:**
 - a. Spring Judicial College, April 21-23, Omni North Hotel
 - b. Graduate Program, June 6-11, Brown County Inn. (Second year).
 - c. Annual Meeting of Juvenile Court Judicial Officers, June 24-25, Sheraton North, Indianapolis. Conference will be collaborative with stakeholders in the child welfare system.
 - d. Annual Judicial Conference, September 22-24, Evansville.
 - e. City & Town Conference, October 21-22.
 - f. Pre-Bench Orientation, December 8-9 (tentative)
 - g. Winter Conference, December 10.
9. **Curriculum and Faculty Development.** The 2003 curriculum grid was handed out, and will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. The idea of a faculty development session taught by Indiana judges was discussed, as was getting the word out to more judges regarding teaching opportunities.
10. **Plans for Next Meeting:** A committee retreat is scheduled for January 22-23, 2004. It will be an opportunity to discuss in depth the purpose and goals of judicial education. There was some discussion on whether an overnight is necessary, or whether the objectives can be accomplished in one day. Judge Penrod will survey committee members regarding availability.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40.

Respectfully submitted,

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